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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the Abstract as filed and substitute therefor the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification in accordance with the attached revised Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-12 and add new claims 13-25.

13. (NEW) A method for producing hollow fiber membrane-containing filters including a filter housing having a first portion and a second portion and including a first end and a second end, said method comprising laying a plurality of said hollow fibers in said first portion of said filter housing to form a bundle of said hollow fibers, forming said first and second portions of said filter housing into said filter housing, sealing said first and second portions of said filter housing

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